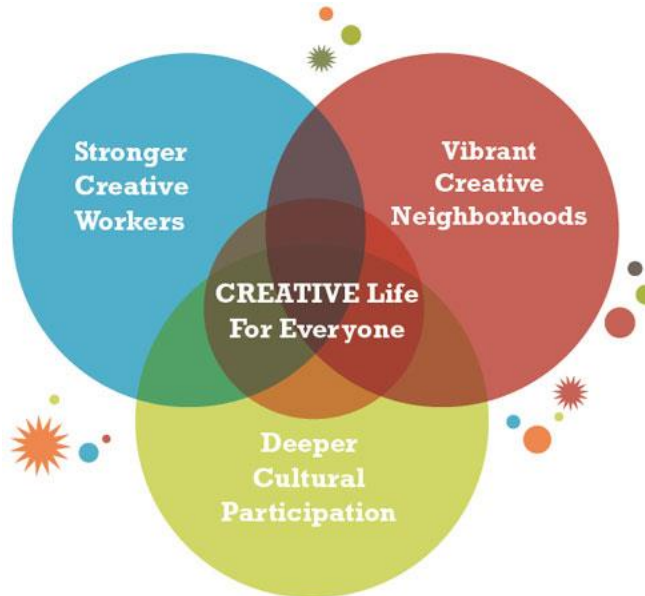




MISSION: DRIVE A VIBRANT AND EQUITABLE COMMUNITY THROUGH THE ARTS



AGENCY REPORT

for

April 21, 2016

Metro Office Building 2nd floor, Davidson Conference Room
800 2nd Avenue South, Nashville

Commissioners: Jane Alvis, Niki Coffman, Manuel Delgado, Dr. Ruth Ross Edmonds, Laurie Eskind, Mohamed-Shukri Hassan, Clay Haynes, Larry Keeton, Joseph (Pepe) Presley, Stephanie Pruitt, Marielena Ramos, Paula Roberts, Hope Stringer, and Santi Tefel

Overall Action Items

THRIVE Proposals

Strategic Goal: Increase Resources for the Creative Ecosystem

Program	Training/Tool	Policy/Research	Partnership
Submitted FY17-19 Budgets with increase requests for grants, THRIVE, temporary public art	NEA Learning Lab: Artist application closed April 4/61 applications received	Discuss Economic Impact Research with Chamber/Mayor's Office/ Creative Industries	Work with Mayor's Office to outline Creative Workgroup on Housing/Workforce Development
2016 Poetry in Motion program features 7 poems from Youth Word Box Project in buses across the city throughout the month of April.	Submitted NEA Creative Connections Grant application with Housing Fund related to temporary art and housing in Madison	Conducting audience surveys for AEP5 study	
Three THRIVE Proposals are up for recommendation		Staff is researching tools and other organizations to further the work of the REAL program.	
FY17 TAC –Arts Build Communities' application opened April 1			
FY17 Metro Arts Application period closed March 30, 2016. 38 Basic Operating Re-verification Forms and 36 project proposals received.			
5 Public Art Projects in active fabrication; 4-5 projects in development			

Strategic Goal: Cultivate Equity in the Creative Ecosystem

Program	Training/Tool	Policy/Research	Partnership
Racial Equity in Arts Leadership learning cadre met on April 13 Roberto Bedoya Lecture: "Belonging, Cities & Poetic Will" on April 22	FY17 TAC – Arts Build Communities trainings will be held May 6 & 9	Public Art Community Investment Plan: 3 rd consultant team visit was April 12-14; received 1,000 responses to survey	Music Makes Us Advisory appointments with Mayor
Staff Providing Individual Consultations with Potential THRIVE Applicants	FY17 Metro Arts Grants – 20 community members scheduled to attend grant panelist orientation on 4/19 and 4/20	Grants Community Investment Plan – policy, category, and eligibility research	Working with Youth Poet Laureate schedule
Arts Buzz released to over 1,100 recipients		Began work on Board Equity Statement	Metro Arts and Juvenile Court pitched Public Improvement Plan application in support of

			integrating the arts and restorative justice; Submitted plan with Parks and Metro Arts
Artist Directory comprised of 403 profiles			

Strategic Goal: Improve Neighborhood Creative Infrastructure

Program	Training/Tool	Policy/Research	Partnership
	Consulting with neighborhood artists, council members and community leaders about THRIVE	Coordinating with Mayor's Office around release of <i>Culture Here</i> Report	Urban Manufacturing Task Force
			Met with CM Syracuse and Library director about opportunity to integrate cultural space into Donelson Library planning

Strategic Goal: Lead By Example

Program	Training/Tool	Policy/Research	Partnership
Laurel Fisher served as a panelist for TAC's Community Arts program on April 13.			<i>Creative Exchange</i> Toolkit on bike racks in draft format
Rebecca and Laurel submitted session proposals to present at the Grantmakers in the Arts conference this November			Hunters Lane High School IB students will assist with AEP 5 research study throughout 2016.
Consulted on 3 potential donated artworks			PA staff participating as juror for 2 community art contests
			Rebecca served on selection panel for incoming Periscope class and as a juror for TN Craft Spring show.

Monthly Updates

Public Art

- **Stix** – Artist reception took place April 11 with about 100 people in attendance. The artist gave a lecture at Watkins College of Art, Design & Film and about 120 people attended. The lighting work is completed. The timer is being set this week and landscaping plants are anticipated to be installed starting in June.
- **Witness Walls** – The artist has negotiated permission for use of the Getty image of Nashville Freedom Riders and has submitted final (wall) structural drawings for review. The fountain design is still underway and those drawings will be submitted separately. Fabrication will be managed by Ashland City-based Gate Precast. The contractor doing site work and installation is Nashville-based Goodrum Construction. Once structural drawings are approved and fabrication begins, artist will submit timeline for completion and installation. Staff is working on additional programming for Witness Walls. The “My Witness” project, a partnership with One Voice Nashville, will result in 10 podcast interviews between Civil Rights veterans and area high school students. The podcasts will be made available on a dedicated *Witness Walls* web site managed by Metro Arts.
- **Bike Racks** – Fabrication is underway on four new racks. Fabrication on two of the four designs, *Bookshelves* (Looby Library) and *Bee Cycle* (Hadley Park) is nearly complete. Staff is working closely with Library and Parks staff to prepare for late spring/early summer installations.
- **Our Town** – Artist has made final deliverables and invoiced for final payments. This will conclude the project.
- **Learning Lab** - Curriculum design and logistical planning has begun. Metro Arts and Arts and Business Council have engaged the Center for Performance and Civic Practice and lead artist Michael Rohd to lead curriculum design and conduct artist training specific to civic/public practice and community engagement. The Learning Lab is scheduled for summer 2016. The artist application was open through April 4th and resulted in 61 submissions. Community panelists are currently reviewing artist applications. Final artist selection decisions will be announced in early May.
- **Public Art Community Investment Plan** – The consultants’ third visit was April 12-14. They met with advisory groups, Metro departments and other municipal partners to gather input for the planning process.

Grants

- **Metro Arts Grants** - The FY17 Grant Application period closed on March 30. 38 Basic Operating Reverification Forms and 36 project grant proposals were received (12 After-School Arts, 19 Arts Access, and 5 Creation applications). Panel reviews for all project grant categories will take place the week of May 16, 2016. 20 volunteer panelists will attend panelist orientation on April 19 and April 20. The closeout form and final invoice are now open to FY16 grantees who have completed their projects. To date, we have closed out 6 grants. Grant monitoring for FY16 grantees is now complete. Six agencies were randomly selected and were asked to provide grant expenditures to-date and attend an in-person meeting with Metro Arts staff to ensure contract compliance. Ian Myers and Laurel Fisher conducted all 6 visits. Reviewed were The Frist Center, Humanities Tennessee, ALIAS Chamber Ensemble, Youth Empowerment through Arts and Humanities (YEAH!), Nashville Public Television, and Arts in the Airport Foundation. There were no significant findings but suggestions were given regarding logo usage. Reports were mailed to the Executive Director of each agency and are available for review upon request.
- **ABC Grants** -The ABC (Arts Builds Community) grants, for which Metro Arts is the designated agency, are being monitored. There are 5 completed projects to date for FY16. The FY17 ABC application opened on April 1. Metro Arts will re-grant \$29,380 in ABC funds to Davidson County organizations with awards ranging from \$500 to \$2,500. Potential applicant webinar will be held on May 6, and community workshop will be held on May 9 at East Nashville Community Center.

THRIVE

- To date, there have been 61 inquiries about THRIVE. Three new projects are up for approval this month. Potential applicants have been actively coached and recruited.

Public Programs

- **Racial Equity in Arts Leadership (REAL) Learning Cadre** - The cadre had their seventh meeting on April 13 at the Curb Center. The pilot program was featured in an article in Americans for the Arts quarterly magazine *Arts Link* this spring. Roberto Bedoya will give a public lecture at Benton Chapel titled, "Belonging, Cities, and Poetic Will" on April 22 at 5:30pm.
- **Poetry in Motion** – In partnership with MTA, this month Metro Arts presents Nashville's the 2016 Poetry in Motion program. This year the program features 7 poems produced through the Youth Word Box project (THRIVE) addressing one of the Mayor's priority issues: youth violence.

Operations

- **New Commissioners** Commissioner Manuel Delgado was confirmed in January and Niki Coffman in February.
- **Budget** - Metro Arts' Council budget hearing will be May 19th, at 4:30 pm. Please arrive by 4:00 if you wish to attend.
- **Arts & Economic Prosperity V Report** - Metro Arts is on track with our participation in the national AEP 5 study. 130 audience-intercept surveys were conducted in the first quarter and have been sent to AFTA to be processed. Laurel Fisher and Intern Elizabeth Oguguam have partnered with Hunters Lane High School to create a team of students to assist with the study. 14 IB students volunteered to be a part of a rotating AEP 5 street team and will assist Ms. Oguguam at performances, special events, and festivals throughout the study. Elizabeth and Laurel will return to HLHS on May 4, 2016 to train the 14 students on how to conduct and collect the surveys.

Financial Report

Fiscal Year 2016 Summary Report as of	4/18/2016			
	Budget	Actual	Remaining	Notes
Total Salaries	\$403,400	\$284,816	\$118,584	
Total Fringes	\$148,900	\$100,791	\$48,109	
Total Operational	\$174,500	\$89,701	\$84,799	
Total Internal Services	\$33,300	\$27,314	\$5,986	
Total TAC MCI Grant (Operating)	\$65,500	\$56,566	\$8,934	
Total TAC ABC Admin	\$4,440	\$750	\$3,690	
Total TAC ABC Re grants	\$25,160	\$14,577	\$10,583	
Total Metro Arts Grant Contributions	\$1,910,200	\$1,524,374	\$385,826	
TOTALS For FY2016	\$2,765,400	\$2,098,889	\$666,511	
	Accrued Balance	Actual	Remaining	Notes
Special Purpose Fund	\$73,235	\$17,792	\$55,443	
	Accrued Balance	Actual	Remaining	Notes
Convention Fund	\$37,566	\$0	\$37,566	

Financial Report

Percent for Public Art Fund Report

4/6/2016

Revenues

Capital Spending Plan 2001	\$473,991
Capital Spending Plan 2002	\$413,319
Capital Spending Plan 2003	\$1,164,191
Capital Spending Plan 2005	\$487,367
Capital Spending Plan 2006	\$643,311
Capital Spending Plan 2007	\$1,253,687
Capital Spending Plan 2008	\$647,050
Capital Spending Plan 2009	\$1,267,300
MTA Bus Stop Credit for Twenty Eighth Avenue Connector	\$29,772
Capital Spending Plan 2011, 2013	\$2,568,500
Capital Spending Plan 2014, 2015	\$1,585,350
Total Revenues	\$10,533,838

Total Expenditures	(\$4,983,041)
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Subtotal	\$5,550,797
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Encumbrances

Funds Assigned to Bellevue Library	(\$45,498)
Funds Assigned to Bike Racks, Phase 2	(\$7,976)
Funds Assigned to Bike Racks, Phase 3	(\$245,050)
Funds Assigned to Civil Rights Public Art Project	(\$119,838)
Funds Assigned to Community Investment Plan	(\$134,218)
Funds Assigned to KVB	(\$306,771)
Funds Assigned to Madison Park Community Center	(\$98,000)
Funds Assigned to Our Town Project (Bryce McCloud)	(\$25,672)
Funds Assigned to Public Square - Civil Rights Project	(\$332,129)
Funds Assigned to Smith Springs Park	(\$98,000)
Funds Assigned to West Riverfront Park	(\$104,647)
Funds Assigned to Capital Maintenance	(\$50,000)
Funds Assigned to Staff Administration	(\$78,861)
Total Encumbrances	(\$1,646,659)

Total Available Funds	\$3,904,138
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4% Fund Allotment November 2011	\$25,000
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4% Fund Allotment November 2014	\$50,000
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Total Expenditures	-\$31,899
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4% Funds Remaining	\$43,101
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Media Links

Important Dates

Thurs, Apr 28, 2016	11am	Equity sub-committee meeting
Wed, May 4, 2016	Noon	Grant Committee meeting
Tues, May 10, 2016	10:30am	Public Art Committee (PAC) meeting
Mon, May 16, 2016	10am	After-School Grant Review Panel
Tues, May 17, 2016	10am	Arts Access Grant Review Panel
Wed, May 18, 2016	10am	Arts Access Grant Review Panel
Thurs, May 19, 2016	Noon	Metro Arts Commission meeting
Thurs, May 19, 2016	4:30pm	Metro Council Budget Hearing
Fri, May 20, 2016	10am	Creation Grant Review Panel